

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2005**

**3:45 p.m.**

**Room 307, House Office Building**

**Chair Stakoe** called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Van Regenmorter (1/11)

**Representative Robertson**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **May 18, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** announced that on **May 18, 2005**, the committee adopted **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4473**.

**Chair Stakoe** laid **House Bill 4473 (H-1)** before the committee.

HB 4473	Ward	Housing; inspection; scope of application to include certain townships and timing of inspections to be modified; provide for.
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**David Worthams**, from the House Republican Policy Office, explained the intent of a proposed **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)**.

**Arnold Weinfeld**, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **opposition** to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)** and the proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

**Cyndy Osman**, representing the City of Holland, testified in **opposition** to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)** and the proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

**Howard Asch**, representing the City of East Lansing, testified in **opposition** to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)** and the proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

**Rita Fulton**, representing the City of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Association of Housing Officials, testified in **opposition** to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)** and the proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

**Mark Griffin** and **Jim Peek**, representing the City of Big Rapids, testified in opposition to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)** and the proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of **House Bill 4473 (H-1)**, but did not wish to speak:

**Alice Ann**, representing the Washtenaw Area Apartment Association;

**David Gregory**, representing the Detroit Metro Apartment Association;

**Kathy Vallie**, representing the Property Management Association of Michigan & West Michigan.

**Brad Ward**, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors (supporting **concept only**).

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)**, but did not wish to speak:

**James DeLange**, representing the City of Wyoming;

**Brian Smilnak**, representing the City of Eastpointe;

**Stephanie Wuttke**, representing the Michigan Advocacy Project;

**Nick Infante**, representing the City of Lansing.

**Representative Nitz**, supported by **Representative Tobocman**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4473 (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Tobocman**, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, moved to report **House Bill 4473 (H-2)** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman (7/11)

**NAYS:** Reps. Donigan, Vagnozzi (2/11)

**PASS:** Rep. Accavitti (1/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4398** before the committee.

HB 4398 Elsenheimer Cities; other; city and village zoning; codify.

**Representative Elsenheimer** explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

**Andrea Brown**, representing the Michigan Association of Planning, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Ben Stupka**, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Arnold Weinfeld**, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **support** of the **concept** of the bill.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

**Ben Bodkin**, representing the Michigan Association of Counties;

**Richard Norton**, representing the Michigan Association of Planning;

**Brad Ward**, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors;

**Tom Martin**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

**Representative Accavitti**, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4398**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (9/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Tobocman**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to report **House Bill 4398 (H-1)** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Robertson**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Stakoe** excused **Representative Van Regenmorter**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:27 p.m.**

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**Representative John Stakoe, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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